and the reasons therefor; and

(g) the remedial measures proposed to be taken to make up the losses?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The steps taken to ensure adherence of time schedule and work culture of Vayudoot.

1) Constant monitoring of on time performance.
2) Rationalisation of routes.
3) To increase reliability of aircrafts.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The steps taken to minimise the overheads are:

(i) Reduction in expenditure without making compromise with the standards of safety and efficiency;

(ii) Better inventory planning and material management to keep the fleet of aircraft operational;

(iii) Redeployment of surplus manpower in other organisations.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The steps taken/proposed to be taken to economise in its functioning are.

(i) The fares on some of the sectors have been increased to recover the costs;

(ii) Strict economy measures have been taken to keep the expenditure to the unavoidable minimum;

(iii) Rationalisation of routes;

(f) The losses incurred by Vayudoot during the last three years were as follows:-

Year	*Losses in lakhs of Rupees*
1988-89	(2883 29)*
1989-90	(3582 23)*
1990-91	(3707 89)*

*Provisional and unaudited

The major reasons for the losses are: Short-haul nature of the operations, absolete and uneconomic fleet, unremunerative fare structure etc.

(g) With the present fleet of aircraft and the short-haul nature of operation there is hardly any scope for recovering the losses already incurred by Vayudoot.

Power Projects of Bihar

5294. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY:
SHRI BHUBANESHWAR PRASAD MEHTA:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether grievances raised by the affected people of Suwarnarekha Project and Koel-Karo Project in South Bihar have been mitigated;

(b) details of the proposed compensation/land against land and employment to the displaced people;

(c) whether there is any provision to provide employment to the oustees; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (d).

SUWARNAREKHA PROJECT

The Suwarnarekha Hydro-electric Project was commissioned 20 years ago. The Government of Bihar authorities have informed that for construction of this project about 1500 acres and 22 acres of land was acquired in 1965-67 and in 1980-81 respectively. All the land losers were paid compensation. They have also informed that initially there was no provision to provide employment to oustees of this project on a compulsory basis. But, now, of late, a large number of persons are claiming employment as land losers. Until now 24 land losers have been given employment on phase according to requirement and suitability.

KOEL-KARO PROJECT

This project is being executed by National Hydro-electric Power Corporation.

For mitigating the grievances raised by the affected people of the Koel Karo Project, the proposed rehabilitation plan and compensation package includes homestead land for every displaced family, cultivable land to the extent possible on lease basis, besides full compensation in cash for their land as well as property such as house, trees, wells, etc. It also provides for employment to the oustees in Class-III, IV or Clerical Posts depending upon their suitability and availability.

Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited

5295. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the life of the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited is ending on March, 31, 1992; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to extend the tenure of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited beyond March 31, 1992?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). Sir, the validity of thhe licence granted to Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) for operating telecom services in Delhi and Bombay is expiring on 31.3.1992. The licence is being extended for a further suitable period.

Vayudoot Services for Postal Articles

5296. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY:
SHRI DHARMABIKSHAM:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Postal Department is considering to hire the Vayudoot services for transport of mails and postal articles from Delhi to other places and vice versa;

(b) whether any decision has been arrived at;